

commend him for his work toward a resolution of the political crisis in Madagascar and discuss development in Africa.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with the leadership of Disabled American Veterans.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Allan Roth to be Ambassador to Senegal and Guinea-Bissau.

June 19

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings.

In an afternoon ceremony in the Oval Office, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Boudewijn van Eenenmaam of The Netherlands; Kassahun Ayele of Ethiopia; Phanthong Phommahaxay of Laos; Carlos Jose Ulvert Sanchez of Nicaragua; Aziz Mekouar of Morocco; Ishaq Shahryar of Afghanistan; Mihail Manoli of Moldova; and Mario Miguel Canahuati of Honduras. He then participated in a roundtable interview with health and fitness reporters in the Roosevelt Room.

The White House announced that the President has invited President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland to Washington, DC, for a state visit on July 17–18.

The President declared a major disaster in Colorado and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by wildfires beginning on April 23 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on June 3 and continuing.

June 20

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings. Later, he dropped by a meeting between National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and President-elect Alvaro Uribe Velez of Colombia. Also in the morning, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to express his sympathy for the families of victims of recent suicide bombings in Israel.

The President announced his appointment of the following individuals as members of the President's Council on Physical Fitness

and Sports: Lynn Swann (Chairman); Dot Richardson (Vice Chairman); Denise Austin; James Baird; John Burke; Paul Corrozza; Katherine Cosgrove; Amanda C. Cromwell; Pamela Danberg; Jamie Davidson; Dan Gable; Nomar Garciaparra; Marion Jones; Ivette Lirio; Nancy Lopez; T.L. Mitchell; Charles Moore, Jr.; Derek Parra; Emmit Smith; and Lloyd Ward.

The President announced that he will award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to the following individuals at a ceremony in July: Hank Aaron, Bill Cosby, Placido Domingo, Peter Drucker, Katharine Graham, D.A. Henderson, Irving Kristol, Nelson Mandela, Gordon Moore, Nancy Reagan, Fred Rogers, and A.M. Rosenthal.

June 21

In the morning, the President traveled to Orlando, FL, where he met with volunteer Marie Wieland.

In the evening, the President attended a fundraising event for the Republican Party of Florida and Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida at the Universal Studios Portofino Hotel. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted June 17

John S. Bresland,
of New Jersey, to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of 5 years, vice Devra Lee Davis.

Jeffrey S. Merrifield,
of New Hampshire, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2007 (reappointment).

Norman J. Pattiz,
of California, to be a member of the Broad-
casting Board of Governors for a term expir-
ing August 13, 2004 (reappointment).

Ellen R. Sauerbrey,
of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador dur-
ing tenure of service as U.S. Representative
to the Commission on the Status of Women
of the Economic and Social Council of the
United Nations.

Submitted June 20

Richard Vaughn Mecum,
of Georgia, to be U.S. Marshal for the North-
ern District of Georgia for the term of 4
years, vice Robert Henry McMichael, term
expired.

Burton Stallwood,
of Rhode Island, to be U.S. Marshal for the
District of Rhode Island for the term of 4
years, vice John James Leyden, resigned.

George Breffni Walsh,
of Virginia, to be U.S. Marshal for the Dis-
trict of Columbia for a term of 4 years, vice
Donald W. Horton.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office
of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as
items nor covered by entries in the Digest of
Other White House Announcements.

Released June 17

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press
Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by
President Wade of Senegal

Fact sheet: President Bush Calls for Expand-
ing Opportunities to Homeownership

Released June 18

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy
Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on Senate
Finance Committee action on legislation to
assist community and faith-based organiza-
tions

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing
that the President signed H.R. 1366, H.R.
1374, H.R. 3789, H.R. 3960, and H.R. 4486

Released June 19

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing
that the President signed H.R. 4560

Statement by the Press Secretary: State Visit
of President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Po-
land

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster
assistance to Colorado

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster
assistance to Iowa

Fact sheet: President Bush's International
Mother and Child HIV Prevention Initiative

Announcement of nominations of U.S. Mar-
shals for the Northern District of Georgia,
the District of Columbia, and the District of
Rhode Island

Released June 20

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Ari Fleischer

Fact sheet: President Bush Launches
HealthierUS Initiative

Fact sheet: The U.S. Commitment to Africa's
Growth and Prosperity

Fact sheet: Africa Education Initiative

Advance text of remarks by Homeland Secu-
rity Director Tom Ridge before the Senate
Governmental Affairs Committee

Announcement of the recipients of the Presi-
dential Medal of Freedom

Released June 21

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press
Secretary Scott McClellan

Announcement: Facts and Figures on the
President's Fitness Challenge